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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY REMOVING VECTOR UNIT IN DNA BASE SEQUENCE

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the July 10, 2003 Office Communication, having an August 10, 2003 due date, a substitute "Sequence Listing" is submitted, in paper and computer readable forms pursuant to Rules 821 and 824, and a statement regarding the sequence listing pursuant to Rule 821 is also submitted.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935. Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this Response, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference with the Examiner to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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